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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR FUKUDA VISIT

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1. SUMMARY: SETTING AS DESCRIBED REFTEL FOR FUKUDA VISIT
--WHAT WE WANT AND WHAT THEY WANT--SEEMS ESSENTIALLY
ACCURATE FROM TOKYO PERSPECTIVE AS WELL. WE PARTICULARLY
AGREE THAT CONFRONTATION, AND APPEARANCE OF CONFRONTATION,
SHOULD BE AVOIDED. JAPANESE EXPECT ECONOMIC ISSUES TO
FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN MEETINGS AND WILL BE PREPARED TO
ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES CANDIDLY; AT SAME TIME THEY HOPE FULL
ATTENTION CAN BE PAID TO ISSUES WHERE WE ARE IN BROAD
AGREEMENT, WITH OVER-ALL TONE BEING ONE OF POLITICAL
COMITY RATHER THAN CONTENTION. THIS WOULD SEEM TO MAKE
SENS IN TERMS OF OUR INTERESTS AS WELL. END SUMMARY

2. SETTING AND ATMOSPHERICS: SETTING DESCRIBED REFTEL,
WHAT WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE IN FUKUDA VISIT AND WHAT
JAPANESE ARE SEEKING, SEEMS ACCURATE AS VIEWED FROM TOKYO.
IN PARTICULAR, WE AGREE THAT THEME SHOULD FOCUS UPON
STRENGTHS OF US-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP. JAPANESE REALIZE THAT
ECONOMIC ISSUES WILL INEVITABLY BE PRINCIPAL SUBJECT OF
WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND UNDOUBTEDLY WILL BE PREPARED
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TO REVIEW IN SOME DETAIL STATUS OF MEASURES AGREED UPON
IN STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT. THEY RECOGNIZE, AS WE
SHOULD, THAT SCORECARD MAY NOT LOOK VERY ENCOURAGING AS
OF EARLY MAY. THEY WILL BE PREPARED TO DEFEND THEIR
PERFORMANCE, AND WILL EXPECT FRANK TALK FROM OUR SIDE.
AT SAME TIME, JAPANESE HOPE THESE DIFFICULT ISSUES WILL
NOT DOMINATE VISIT OR LEAVE IMPRESSION OF CONFRONTATION.

THUS, PARTICULARLY IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, JAPANESE WILL WANT TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO OTHER LESS CONTENTIOUS ISSUES WHICH TRADITIONALLY ARE PART OF MENU WHEN PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS MEET -- ISSUES WHERE WE AND JAPANESE ARE IN BROAD AGREEMENT.

3. WE THINK THIS APPROACH WOULD BEST SERVE OUR INTERESTS AS WELL. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, WE COULD PROVIDE JAPANESE WITH FRANK CRITIQUE OF THEIR PROGRAM (AND SHOULD EXPECT FRANK COMMENTS IN RETURN), BUT WE WOULD LIMIT OUR PUBLIC CRITICISM, INSTEAD ACKNOWLEDGING EFFORTS MADE, STRESSING COMMON ECONOMIC GOALS, AND HIGHLIGHTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER TOWARD MANY OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES. PUBLICLY, AS WELL AS PRIVATELY, WE WOULD AVOID CONFRONTATIONAL TONE. IN SO DOING, WE WILL HAVE CEMENTED GOOD WILL WHICH MUST CONTINUE TO UNDERLIE OUR JOINT EFFORTS ON ECONOMIC FRONT, AND WILL HAVE HELPED TO PREVENT THOSE ISSUES FROM SPILLING OVER INTO BROADER POLITICAL ARENA, AN OBJECTIVE AS IMPORTANT FOR US AS FOR JAPANESE.

4. AGENDA: SUBSTANCE OF AGENDA AS DESCRIBED REFTEL ALSO SEEMS ABOUT RIGHT TO US. HOWEVER, GIVEN RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, WE WOULD HOPE PRIORITIES COULD BE RATHER CLEARLY WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE THROUGH DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY, LEAVING LESS URGENT SUBJECTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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ANCILLARY DISCUSSIONS AT LOWER LEVEL. TO THAT END, WE WOULD OFFER FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

-- I. ECONOMIC QUESTIONS:

-- A. STATUS OF STRAUSS-USHIBA IMPLEMENTATION (GENERAL).

-- B. PATTERNS IN TRADE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

-- C. DEFENSE OF THE DOLLAR.

-- D. MULTILATERAL COORDINATION: BONN SUMMIT.

II. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ISSUES:

-- A. RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND SOVIET UNION. (JAPAN'S RECENT PROBLEMS IN ADJUSTING ITS RELATIONSHIPS WITH MOSCOW AND PEKING--CONTINUING DIFFICULTY WITH PRC ON PFT AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF GOOD NEIGHBOR TREATY--HAVE BEEN RECENT PREOCCUPATION, AND FUKUDA WILL BE INTERESTED IN HEARING PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON NORMALIZATION AND SALT.)

-- B. MIDDLE EAST. (FUKUDA HAS ASKED FONOFF TO UNDERTAKE MAJOR REVIEW OF GOJ POLICY TOWARD REGION AND

HAS PERSONALLY INDICATED HE WISHES TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH PRESIDENT.)

-- C. ASEAN AND INDOCHINA.

III. ASIAN SECURITY:

-- A. DEFENSE PLANNING--ASIAN DEPLOYMENTS IN RELATION

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TO GLOBAL STRATEGY (ADDRESSING DIRECTLY JAPANESE PERCEPTION THAT WE HAVE EMPHASIZED EUROPEAN SECURITY NEEDS AT EAST ASIAN EXPENSE).

-- B. KOREAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND PROSPECTS FOR COMPENSATORY PACKAGE.

-- C. US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION, INCLUDING MENTION OF COST SHARING.

5. IN MEETINGS WITH INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBERS THESE SAME SUBJECTS COULD BE REVIEWED AS NECESSARY, AND IN CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAIL IF DESIRED. (FOR EXAMPLE, DETAILED REVIEW OF STRAUSS-USHIBA MIGHT BEST TAKE PLACE IN MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY AND STR, WITH PRESIDENT FOCUSING ONLY ON CORE ISSUES.) WE WOULD SUGGEST FOLLOWING ILLUSTRATIVE AGENDA:

I. ECONOMIC:

-- STATUS OF STRAUSS-USHIBA (INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF SENSITIVE ISSUES SUCH AS BEEF, WOOD PRODUCTS AND CITRUS);

-- REVIEW OF MTN PROSPECTS;

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-- FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES AND PLAN TO DEFEND DOLLAR;

-- ENERGY PROBLEMS.

II. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL/SECURITY ISSUES:

-- SOVIET UNION, INCLUDING SALT PROSPECTS;

-- CHINA, INCLUDING POST-NPC LEADERSHIP SITUATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS, JAPANESE PROBLEMS ON PFT;

-- PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS;

-- UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.

6. AS EMBASSY CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR PREPARATION FOR VISIT, WE WOULD PLAN TO SUBMIT BRIEF (2-3 PAGE SINGLE SPACE) PAPERS ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ECONOMIC:

-- STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT FOLLOWUP SUMMARY.

-- STATE OF JAPANESE ECONOMY, GROWTH PROSPECTS.

-- PATTERNS IN JAPANESE TRADE AND CURRENT ACCOUNT.

POLITICAL/SECURITY:

-- JAPANESE DEFENSE PLANNING--PROSPECTS FOR US-JAPAN DEFENSE COOPERATION.

-- NORTHEAST ASIA--JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH CHINA, USSR AND KOREA.

-- JAPANESE APPROACH TOWARD SEA.

-- JAPANESE VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST.

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DOMESTIC POLITICAL:

-- FUKUDA'S STANDING AND PROSPECTS. MANSFIELD

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